



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

9:30 AM

11. Recommendation: Approve recommended additions, deletions and changes to existing Board-adopted policies and positions for inclusion in the 2015-16 State Legislative Agenda; instruct the Chief Executive Officer and affected County Departments to work with the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation, other counties and local governments, and stakeholders to pursue the policies, positions and priorities in the State Legislature and with the Administration and its agencies; instruct the Chief Executive Officer to advocate on the Board's behalf and prepare and transmit the County's legislative positions in letters to the State Legislature and the Governor; and authorize the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to pursue County-sponsored legislation to eliminate or extend the time period for individuals to file a petition for the resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act of 2014.

Also, consideration of Supervisor Knabe's recommendation to add the following to the County's State Legislative Agenda for 2015-16: support measures for "common sense" adjustments to Proposition 47, including, but not limited to ensuring that felonies that are being reduced to misdemeanors meet the spirit and intent of the Proposition and will not compromise public safety and that alternative processes be considered to address the needs of chronic substance abusers.

**Diana Zuniga, Joseph Maizlish, Mark Lipman and Arnold Sachs
addressed the Board.**

**The following portions of the 2015-16 State Legislative Agenda were duly
carried by the following vote:**

**General State Legislative Principles, Item No. 5 to support
proposals that reduce the two-thirds vote requirement for**

increasing revenues; and

Section 11 Transportation, Item No. 9 to support legislation to reduce the vote requirement for enacting a county-wide sales or gas tax transportation measure.

Section 2. ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION, Subsection 2.5 Watershed Management and Flood Control, Item No. 4 to support legislation to allow counties, flood control districts, and other public agencies to implement stormwater fees, upon voter approval and/or consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218 of 1996, to adequately fund clean water programs. (15-5704)

Ayes: 3 - Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Kuehl and Supervisor Solis

Noes: 2 - Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Antonovich

The following portions of the 2015-16 State Legislative Agenda were duly carried by the following vote:

Section 4, HEALTH, Subsection 4.10 Implementation of Health Care Reform, Item Nos. 1-18:

1. Support legislation that would implement provisions of Federal health care reform by increasing access to care while maintaining and/or expanding the County's funding as a safety net provider to continue health care, emergency and trauma care services, and medical education programs through the existing infrastructure of hospitals, Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Centers, health centers, and public-private partnerships;
2. Oppose legislation that would result in the reduction of the County's funding as a safety net provider of health care to the uninsured, emergency and trauma care services and medical educational programs in order to implement Federal health care reform;
3. Support proposals that establish funding for workforce development and infrastructure for mental health care and substance abuse providers under Federal health care reform;
4. Support proposals to reform Medicaid, including the State Safety

Net Care Pool and Section 1115 Waiver components, to increase Medicaid funds for priority areas, such as primary and preventive health care, without reducing total available Medicaid funding levels;

- 5. Support proposals which define essential health benefits, pursuant to Federal health care reform, in a comprehensive manner that promote high-quality, patient-centered, and cost-effective health care service;**
- 6. Support proposals that expand health care coverage to the fullest extent allowed under the Affordable Care Act, without eroding existing coverage;**
- 7. Support proposals that simplify the health coverage enrollment and renewal processes to administer and facilitate use and access for clients;**
- 8. Support proposals that simplify and coordinate the health care enrollment and renewal process with existing programs such as CalFresh; and continue the use of county human services agencies to administer initial and ongoing Medi-Cal eligibility, including the Los Angeles County LEADER system and other county automation consortia, which interface with the Health Care Exchange;**
- 9. Support proposals that expand and enhance data matching to minimize paper verifications and decrease processing time for enrollment for health care coverage;**
- 10. Support proposals that provide coverage expansion built upon the traditional delivery systems used by the Medi-Cal and uninsured such as the Two-Plan Model and safety net providers;**
- 11. Support legislation to implement the renewal of the existing 1115 Medicaid waiver which maximizes Federal funding to maintain the County's health care system and provides for the ongoing implementation of Health Care Reform.**
- 12. Support proposals that include incentives for providers to deliver high-quality, coordinated, integrated, and cost-effective care across all levels of health care delivery;**

13. Support proposals to ensure that coverage expansion includes mechanisms that protect existing patient-provider relationships from unnecessary disruption and ensure continuity of care;
14. Support proposals that create comprehensive benefits to the fullest extent allowed in the Affordable Care Act, including mental health and substance use disorder services, without eroding previously implemented Federal Medical options and existing waivers;
15. Support proposals that maintain the Prevention and Public Health Fund, recognizing that health improvement results from investments in population health efforts and not just medical care;
16. Support proposals that continue funding for the safety net system to maintain services for populations not covered by the Affordable Care Act; and oppose proposals that would transfer fiscal responsibility for expanded health care services to counties;
17. Support proposals that allow the State to take full advantage of opportunities under the Affordable Care Act to maximize revenues such as, opting into enhanced benefits, special payments and incentives for innovation and quality; and
18. Support proposals that seek to minimize disruption in patient care and that help ensure access to essential HIV services, including support services, as patients transition from Federal Ryan White-funded services to other systems of care supported by the Federal Medicaid Expansion. (15-5704)

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Kuehl, Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Solis

Noes: 1 - Supervisor Antonovich

Recommendation No. 4 of the Chief Executive Officer's Board letter to authorize the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to pursue County-sponsored legislation to eliminate or extend the time period for individuals to file a petition for the resentencing of specified felonies to misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act of 2014, was duly carried by the following vote: (15-5704)

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Kuehl,
Supervisor Antonovich and Supervisor Solis

Noes: 1 - Supervisor Knabe

Supervisor Knabe's aforementioned motion to add the following to the County's State Legislative Agenda for 2015-16: support measures for "common sense" adjustments to Proposition 47, including, but not limited to ensuring that felonies that are being reduced to misdemeanors meet the spirit and intent of the Proposition and will not compromise public safety and that alternative processes be considered to address the needs of chronic substance abusers failed to carry by the following vote: (15-5704)

Ayes: 2 - Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Antonovich

Noes: 3 - Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Kuehl and Supervisor Solis

Supervisor Kuehl made an amendment to add the following to the County's State Legislative Agenda:

Section 1.2 Child Welfare Services - Foster Care

- 25. Support proposals that ensure that young children in the child welfare system, including those in foster care, have access to early care and child development programs for which they are eligible and prioritized.**
- 26. Support proposals that provide adequate funding and support to counties to ensure the successful implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform under AB 403 (Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015).**

On motion of Supervisor Kuehl, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, the balance of the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations for the State Legislative Agenda for the Second Year of the 2015-16 Session, as amended, was approved. (15-5704)

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Kuehl, Supervisor Knabe, Supervisor Antonovich and Supervisor Solis

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The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held December 8, 2015, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Patrick Ogawa, Acting Executive
Officer

Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By 

Patrick Ogawa
Acting Executive Officer